

REMARKS

Original claims 6, 7, and 15-17 were indicated to be allowable in the Office Action of July 14, 2005, subject to being rewritten in independent form, or dependent from an allowable independent claim.

Claim 1 by this Amendment combines original claims 1, 6, and 7, and therefore is in full condition for allowance. Remaining claims 2-4, 7-15, and 18-20 are all dependent from claim 1 or a preceding claim dependent from claim 1, and therefore are also allowable.

New claim 23 is a combination of original claims 1, 14, and 15, and therefore is allowable. Claim 17 is dependent from claim 23 and is likewise allowable.

This Amendment places this application in condition for allowance and therefore it is asked that the Examiner exercise his supervisory authority and direct entry of this amendment after Final Rejection in that it contains only claims found allowable in the Examiner's July 14, 2005, Office Action.

Claims finally rejected in the last Office Action have been cancelled. However, it is to be understood that such cancellation is not to be construed as a waiver of patentability of these claims, in that the rejected claims are incorporated in a continuation application filed on even date herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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